

THE PLAGUE IN HONGKONG.

Since the outbreak of the plague in the Colony on the 5th inst. nearly seven cases had been reported up to this day noon, and of that number fifty-one had died. There is no sign of the pestilence diminishing yet, although vigorous efforts are being made by the medical officers of the Government and the officials of the Sanitary Board to stamp it out. Yesterday and to-day, being the 14th inst., the Sanitary Board, cleansing parties have washed out most of the choked-up drains, evil-smelling latrines and filthy back-yards in the Tai Ping-shan district, and the whitewashing of the interior of the houses is now going on apace.

This forenoon a number of scavengers (Kien-yeung, Kien-yeung, etc.) at Lap-sang-mai (Kien-yeung-mai) towards a protest to the Government against the ground in the immediate vicinity of their huts being used as a burial ground; and there would certainly appear to be substantial grounds for their complaints as, owing to the rocky nature of the improvised cemetery, great difficulty is experienced in burying the hapless victims of the plague. At noon to-day seven bodies in coffins were lying there exposed to view and to the rays of the sun; a representative of this journal was told they had been there upwards of 24 hours awaiting interment, undoubtedly constituting a dangerous and most offensive nuisance. As the site selected for a dumping-ground is wholly unsuited to the purpose intended, no time should be lost in having the bodies interred on the low-land nearby and just a little above high-water mark, for the present slipshod methods is anything but creditable to the Sanitary Board, and is moreover calculated to result in serious complications with the Chinese, who have very peculiar notions about the burial of the dead, and to whom some deference should be shown.

Among other wise precautions taken by the authorities it has been ordered that all incoming steamers from Canton and Macao must stop at the quarantine anchorage until the Health Officer of the port has passed the passengers. Why such a manifestly necessary measure was not enforced at least a fortnight ago requires explanation.

Kennedy's Police Station has been converted into a hospital where a number of plague-stricken women and children are being treated, some of whom, it is stated, are gradually recovering.

The Sanitary Board have issued the following observations to be made by officers conducting house-to-house visitations in connection with the plague now raging in the colony:—

1. See if the patient is feverish.
 2. Look for swellings (buboes) under the arms, on the groin, on the neck, above the elbow.
 3. Observe if the patient has an anxious expression, and if he is walking a tottering gait.
- The local agent of the Messageries Maritimes (M. Ch. Champs) has just informed us that 12 men received instructions not to allow any of the French mailmen to come inside the harbour, nor to communicate with the shore in any way capable of conveying the infection to get on board. No cargo whatever will be taken in, and mails will be thoroughly disinfected before being shipped; and cargo for Hongkong will be unloaded with the greatest care to prevent the disease being caught by the crew from the local coolies. The home-bound mail came in to-day from Shanghai, and is anchored in Kowloon Bay. These precautions are of course necessary to avoid quarantine at other ports. It is expected that all the other mail lines will follow this example.

At the Magistrate's today, before Mr. H. E. Wedderburn, Ning Kien was charged with concealing a case of "bubonic plague" on his premises at No. 72 Market Street. Inspector Quincey stated that all the inhabitants of that quarter had been solemnly warned to notify the authorities of any such case, but on the morning of the 14th inst. he discovered a man very plainly suffering from the disease, and had him removed to the Hygiene. Defendant was fined \$2 or 14 days. A similar case in the next house, No. 74, was also removed, but the proprietor was not found as the disease was then less evident. Lai Yau Ching, a student living at 10, Wai Tak Lane, was fined \$5 for concealment of a case of plague.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Lang Range Cup attracted nine shooters on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Mann made the highest score and wins the cup (for the second time) and set upon. Commander Ash took the other spoon. Scores:—

Mr. Mann	Mr. Ash	Mr. Brown	Mr. Green	Mr. White	Mr. Black	Mr. Grey	Mr. Blue	Mr. Red	Mr. Yellow	Mr. Purple	Mr. Pink	Mr. Brown	Mr. Green	Mr. White	Mr. Black	Mr. Grey	Mr. Blue	Mr. Red	Mr. Yellow	Mr. Purple	Mr. Pink
80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co.'s steamship *Memphis*, Capt. Hugh Craig, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour yesterday. For the sublimed telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges.

LONDON, April 16th.

The public examination of the directors and officials of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company was continued to-day before Mr. Justice Williams.

Mr. H. M. Paul, the manager of the company, was examined. He deposed that he was personally unable to say who altered the form of application for debentures in 1888. The application was misleading, as debenture-holders were deprived of security. He believed this omission to have been accidental.

In the course of his evidence Mr. Paul said that the solicitor to the company adopted a paragraph to the draft report in 1890, detailing the losses the company had sustained, but that the directors suppressed this paragraph as "too strong."

His Honor: Is truth too strong?

April 17th.

In his further examination to-day Mr. Paul said that the majority of the bond-holders in 1888 were aware of the absence of any special security. The balance sheet for 1889 did not explain to the shareholders the dealings of the company in New Zealand.

Sir John C. R. Colomb, replying to Sir Saul Samuel on the subject of the defence of the proposed Pacific cable in times of war, suggests that the Australian colonies should render their warships available for service outside of Australia waters, but inside of the Pacific.

Frank P. Slavin, the Australian pugilist, has become bankrupt. His liabilities are set down at £700, and his assets at £100.

A peculiar strike has occurred at Buda-Pesth, the capital of Hungary. Rioters were recently excluded from the members' lobbies, and as an act of retaliation they have boycotted the House of Representatives and declined to report the speeches of members.

Mr. Robert Reid, Victorian Minister for Defence, has informed the Earl of Rosebery that if the establishment of preferential trade between Great Britain and her colonies is regarded as too wide in its range, it might be possible to limit the departure to Canada, the Cape, and Australia.

Sir Julius Vogel asserts that the colonies would be willing to contribute to the cost of the Imperial navy, provided they were secured a voice in the naval expenditure.

The Admiralty has informed Sir Thomas Milne, lately an application, that owing to the scarcity of officers it is at present impossible to complete the coastal survey of Queensland, as the work would necessitate doubling the number of officers on the survey staff on the Australian station. The Admiralty is also unwilling to appoint colonial experts for the work.

The Earl of Jersey, in the House of Lords, and Sir Charles Dilke, in the House of Commons, are presenting petitions on behalf of the owners and crew of the *Costa Rica Packet*, demanding compensation for their treatment by the Dutch authorities.

Sir Saul Samuel, Agent-General for New South Wales, is also making another application on the subject to the Marquis of Ripon, Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The *Statist* expresses the belief that silver will soon rise above 2s. 6d. per ounce, and that if the Indian mints are re-opened the price will reach 3s.

In the House of Commons Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Liberal member for Cockerthorpe, has given notice of his intention to ask for an explanation of the system under which her Majesty's Queen bestows knighthoods, peerages, and the decoration of the Victoria Cross.

Mr. Arthur Harrold, of Adelaide, is forming an Assets Company, with a capital of £1,000,000, with a view to the purchase of properties of reconstructed banks.

Mr. James Hoddart states that he is inclined to favour Southampton as the British terminal port of his proposed direct mail service between England and Australia.

It is reported that the Russian deficit for the year will amount to £13,000,000.

April 18th.

The trial concluded yesterday of Charles Ernest Lindus, a gentleman resident at Chesham, who, on January 10th, shot his wife and Mr. George S. Jacobs, solicitor, in the office of the latter in London.

The accused was found guilty and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.

During the meeting of the Emperor William of Germany and King Humbert of Italy at Venice, the Emperor William made an important statement affecting the peace of Europe.

The Kaiser informed King Humbert that the condition of Europe permitted of Italy reducing her military expenditure without lessening her prestige.

It is estimated that owing to the severe drought there will be an almost total failure of the grain crops in France.

The British Government have finally decided to retain occupation of the Uganda territory in East Africa.

A serious disturbance, arising out of a religious dispute, has occurred at Malabar, on the west coast of India. The Mohammedans attacked the Hindus, and during the conflict a large number of the Hindus were killed.

A terrible disaster took place in a fireworks factory in Petersburg, Virginia, United States, yesterday.

Through some unexplained cause an explosion occurred. The buildings were destroyed, and the *debris* caught fire.

The latest accounts state that 12 persons were killed.

The English in Egypt complain of the defiant attitude of the natives, and fear an outbreak of fanaticism.

In order to deal with this serious position they are urging the Imperial Government to control the Ministry of the Interior.

April 19th.

A terrible tragedy occurred last night at Davidson's Hotel, Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin.

A fire broke out in the hotel, and spread to the theatre which formed part of the immense building.

Heroic efforts were made to rescue the inmates and quench the flames, but notwithstanding these, 16 persons were burnt to death, and the entire structure was destroyed.

It is estimated that the damage amounts to £100,000.

In the House of Commons to-night Sir William Vernon-Harcourt introduced a motion, of which he had given notice, that the rest of the session be devoted entirely to Government business.

The motion was carried by a majority of 26.

April 20th.

The death is announced of Lord Bowen, a Lord Justice of Appeal.

The case brought against Mr. David Christie Murray, the novelist, by his wife, has been settled. He has agreed to make her an allowance of 300 per week.

Seven companies are being formed in London with the object of working gold-mining properties at Colgate, West Australia.

From New York it is reported that a stable and 130 race-horses have been burnt at Baltimore. The loss is estimated at £100,000.

The *Journal des Debats*, a semi-official Parisian paper, states that France will not oppose the British protectorate of Uganda.

The report of the late Sir Gerald Portal, on his special mission to Uganda, suggests the construction of a railway from Uganda to the coast. It also recommends that the territory be placed under the control of a British Commissioner, assisted by a force of 500 Sudanese soldiers under the command of 13 British officers.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* to-night announces that the Admiralty have made arrangements so that in the event of war they will have the use of 26 of the finest steamships belonging to the Cunard, White Star, and Canadian Pacific lines.

A representative of the *Paris Figaro* has had an interview with King Humbert of Italy with respect to the prospect of continued peace in Europe.

King Humbert is reported to have said that he has no desire for war, and that if he desired one he would be prohibited from entering upon it owing to the deficit in the Italian finances. His Majesty expressed his conviction that both the Czar of Russia and the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria desire peace; and added that it was impossible to think without a shudder of the huge sacrifice and slaughter of human lives which a European war would involve.

In the House of Commons last night the Radicals united and supported Sir W. Vernon-Harcourt's motion with regard to the business of the Session. The members of the Parsellian party abstained from voting.

A strong anti-British feeling in Egypt was evidenced yesterday, when a number of Egyptian soldiers attacked some British soldiers in the streets of Cairo. Fortunately the disturbance was promptly quelled.

The *Daily News*, in commenting on the outbreak, says that it indicates the spread of fanaticism.

The latest news from India regarding the religious conflict at Malabar, where a number of Mohammedans killed some Hindus, is to the effect that British troops were called out to stop the fighting.

The troops pursued a large body of Mohammedans and killed 30 of them.

Later particulars with regard to the destruction of Davidson's Hotel and Theatre at Milwaukee state that the roof of the burning hotel suddenly collapsed, throwing 30 firemen into the centre of the flames. Nine of these perished.

The American silver-producing States have approved of the policy of Mexican silver dollars for export to China.

The strike of reporters in the Hungarian House of Representatives, owing to their exclusion from the members' lobbies, has terminated, the House having yielded to the press demands.

The death of the Marquis of Alibonny, at the age of 31 years, is announced.

The deceased Marquis had a somewhat notorious career, especially on the turf, where he distinguished himself by his evil practices, and was warned of some of the principal racecourses. He "ran through" a fortune, and of late has generally been considered an unfit associate for at least the "higher class."

He was the fourth Marquis of that name, and succeeded to the title in 1886. In 1884, according to the "Peerage," he married Dorothy Julia, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Hasleby, of Brighton, but better known to the world as "Dolly-Tester," an actress, or ballet dancer.

The Marquis was the brother of Lady Mabel Bruce, who is also well-known as the wife of Mr. Robert S. Stever, a bookmaker, at one time a resident in Australia. The new Marquis is Lord Henry Augustus, uncle to the deceased Marquis.

April 21st.

News has been received of a conflict in East Africa between the British and a force of Arabs under Kab Arega, a powerful slave-dealer.

Kab Arega defied the efforts of the British to suppress slavery, and assembled a force numbering about 1,000 at Uyoonyo. An engagement took place which lasted for three hours, the British ultimately routing the slaves, 50 of whom were killed.

From New York it is reported that the mining organisations throughout the United States have ordered a national strike, which is to take effect immediately.

It has transpired that the late Marquis of Alibonny was absolutely penniless, and was maintained by his sister, Lady Mabel, who married Mr. Robert S. Stever, a bookmaker, well-known in Australia.

The French press coldly receive King Humbert's assurances with regard to the inability of Italy to enter upon a war at the present time. The papers state that his Majesty's statement widely differs from the acts of Signor Crispi, the Italian Premier.

April 22nd.

In the course of his evidence before Mr. Justice Williams to-day, Sir Edward W. Stafford, one of the directors of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, said that for nine-tenths of the locked-up capital the colonial board of directors was at fault. The London directors were powerless in the matter.

Mr. Justice Williams, referring to Sir Edward Stafford's evidence, said that by his caution he had "made commercial euphemism a fine art."

Sir George Russell, M.P., another of the directors, was examined. He said that the directors had been negligent in their duties, and personally he did not shrink from a full share of the blame.

The Italian Government have sanctioned the scheme for the construction of the Simplon railway, an engineering feat of which is the tunnelling of the mountain for a distance of over 12 miles.

The Countess Russell is suing her husband, Earl Russell, to recover conjugal rights. The Earl is resisting the suit.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Denis Kilbride, anti-Parnell member for South Kerry, moved the second reading of a bill to prevent Irish landlords from raising rents after tenants have effected improvements to their holdings.

The second reading was agreed to by a majority of 79.

It is reported that the entire city of Colon, Panama, is in flames.

In the House of Commons to-day the Government were asked whether they would submit to arbitration the claims for compensation in connection with the seizure of the *Costa Rica Packet*.

Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary secretary to the Foreign Office, said that the matter would receive consideration.

From the Cape it is reported that the people of Swatland, a small native state in South Africa, are arming and demanding autonomy.

Sir John T. N. O'Brien, Governor of Newfoundland, has refused to grant a dissolution of the colonial Parliament, in consequence of petitions alleging bribery and corruption against Ministers and members at the last general election.

As a consequence Sir William V. Whiteway, the Premier and Attorney-General, who asked for the dissolution, has resigned. He will be succeeded by Mr. Goodridge.

April 23rd.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir William Vernon-Harcourt said that the House would doubtless legislate marriage with a deceased wife's sister should the House of Lords again reject the measure.

The *Catholic Times* states that the Right Rev. John O'Reilly, Bishop of Port Augusta, is to succeed the late Archbishop Reynolds at Adelaide.

A terrible explosion of fire-damp took place to-day in a colliery near Belgrade, capital of Servia.

Sixteen of the miners were killed, and a large number of others have been enebomed. Desperate efforts are being made to release these unfortunate men.

The hearing was resumed this morning of the application for the Court's sanction to the reconstruction scheme of the New Zealand Loan, Mercantile, and Agency Company.

The company announced that it was impossible to make the concession to certain bondholders recommended by his Honor, and appealed to him not to wreck the scheme.

Mr. Justice Williams said that he was personally not strong enough to compel the company to make the concession. He would, however, consider what would be the effect of his refusal to sanction the scheme.

Later.

Mr. Justice Williams has sanctioned the reconstruction scheme. He said that if he refused to sanction it he would be punishing the weakest bond holders.

April 24th.

From New York the death is announced of Mr. David Dudley Field, the famous American jurist.

The Executive Council of the United States are discussing the question of the withdrawal of America from the joint government with Great Britain and Germany for the joint governance of Samoa.

Telegrams from the Cape announce that President Kruger, of the Transvaal, or South African Republic, claims Swatland, the people of which are reported to be arming and claiming autonomy.

The Cape correspondent of the *Times* states that the entire colonists from the Cape to the Zambesi River support President Kruger's claim to Swatland.

Mr. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in the course of a speech yesterday, said that the Electoral Registration Bill reduced the period of residence qualifying persons to vote, thus adding 500,000 names to the register. The bill also made provision for the application of the rating qualification.

The *Standard* announces that Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., Attorney-General, will succeed the late Lord Bowen as one of the Lords of Appeal, and that Sir John Rigby, Q.C., Solicitor-General, will accept the position of Attorney-General.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship *Belgic*, Capt. Wm. H. Walker, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, with the American mails up to 19th April, arrived in the harbour this morning. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the sublimed telegrams:—

VICTORIA (B. C.), April 10th.

The steamship *Empress of World* from Yokohama to-day brings word that the schooner *Agnes MacDonald* became separated from her in a gale and was lost, with her three men, Charles Williams, Sam Lewis and another Victorian.

BERGEN (Norway), April 10th.

Walter Wellman and his party of Americans, bound on an exploring expedition to the North pole, started north this evening. All the party are in good health, and confident of success.

Admiral Benham, who is now at Bluefish, goes on the retired list to-day, having reached his sixty-second year. Last night he was commander of the naval force at Bluefish, while this morning, under the law, he is simply a passenger on board the *San Francisco*, without authority or official influence. Captain John C. Wilson becomes temporary commander of the naval force at that post.

Admiral A. K. Benham was born in New York on April 10th, 1832, and appointed midshipman in the Navy on November 24th, 1847. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1853, and until the Civil War broke out served in the Pacific. He made a creditable record in the war, became Lieutenant in 1860 and Lieutenant-Commander in 1862. In 1867 he was promoted to the rank of Commander, became Captain in 1875, and in 1885 was made Commodore and put in command of Mare Island Navy Yard. In 1890 he was promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Admiral Benham commanded the American vessel participating in the Spanish Columbian celebration, and his last notable service before assuming command at Bluefish was to tow the Columbian caravels from Spain to Hawaii.

During his forty-six years' service Admiral Benham has been twenty-two years at sea, eighteen years on shore duty and 31 years on leave or unemployed.

LONDON, April 11th.

A dispatch to the *Post* from Berlin says that many of the German bimetallicists, including Herr Arendt, think the recent speech made in the Reichstag by Count Posadowsky, Secretary of the Imperial Treasury, shows that he contemplates the calling of another conference to discuss some such scheme as Herr Arendt has already submitted to the Currency Commission for fixing the price of silver by treaty between the interested countries and for the issuing of international silver certificates. According to the semi-official papers nothing in this direction will be done until the Currency Commission shall have finished its labours.

A dispatch from Madrid says: There was an exciting scene in the Cortes yesterday. It was announced that Senor Castelar had seceded from the Republican party and would give his future adherence to the monarchy. Many angry recriminations were indulged in between the advanced Republicans and the seceders.

A special dispatch to the *Times* from Buenos Ayres states that Senor Urdinola has been elected Governor of La Plata.

ROME, April 11th.

The Pope has shown to various Cardinals of his household the proofs of his encyclical letter on the subject of the union of Roman Catholic and Greek churches, which his holiness regards as of the highest political and religious importance.

The letter declares that the union will restore the complete autonomy of the Schismatic churches, the synod of non-communicating patriarchs and the later nominating Bishops will give the same autonomy to nodular churches as they enjoyed in earlier centuries. Eastern churches will be rendered absolutely independent of Latinism.

NEW YORK, April 11th.

San Domingo is to have a queer financial policy. An officer of the San Domingo Improvement Company, who has just arrived from there, says:—

The currency question is one which the company of which I am an officer and the Dominican Government has been considering. Beginning on June 1st the country will be put on a gold basis, with silver as an auxiliary currency.

Mexican silver dollars, which now circulate so freely there, will be received at their value in New York, plus 5 per cent. A \$5-gold piece will be coined of exactly the same weight and fineness as the \$5-gold piece of the United States, together with silver dollars of little more value than the United States silver dollars.

As soon as the new coinage is in circulation Customs duties will be demanded in gold, but the silver dollar of the new coinage can be exchanged for gold at the Sub-Treasury. In short, the standard of the country will be a gold and silver dollar, in effect, just as the United States paper dollar is.

Until the new coins are made the present coins, will, after June 1st, be taken at their intrinsic value. This is probably the first coinage system in the world which recognizes the necessity of making the silver dollar redeemable in gold upon presentation.

In the Reichstag to-day Premier Windthorst again announced that he had made an arrangement with the national parties for a large extension of the franchise. Referring to the Bohemian question, the Premier declared the Government could not entertain the idea that only a personal union should exist between Bohemia and the monarchy. Krug expressed the hope that the whole question would shortly be settled in a manner satisfactory to all parties. The speech of the Premier was followed by loud cheering.

BRUSSELS, April 11th.

It is reported that Herr Leli, Chancellor of the German colony in the Cameroons, who was responsible for the dogging inflicted on native women, which led to a serious mutiny, has been recalled by the Government.

LIMA (Peru), April 11th.

President Bolognesi has dissolved Congress and will shortly convene a new assembly. The Government has summoned General Cisneros, the Minister at Washington, to Lima.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11th.

The storm extends throughout Pennsylvania with great severity. The schooner *Abner W. Smith*, of Philadelphia for Providence, was driven ashore during the storm, and eight men drowned. At Lancaster eighteen inches of snow fell. The wires are all down.

GREENPORT (L. I.), April 11th.

The new steamer *Nevada* was driven ashore and is pounding to pieces on the rocks. All the shipping are dragging anchors.

All the bathing-houses of the Oceanic Hotel were blown down, and large trees uprooted.

Five fires have recently occurred at Boom, about five miles from this city, the centre of the brick and tile manufacturing business of Belgium. The fires are attributed to the brick-makers, who are now on strike. As a result the streets were patrolled by police, and gathering of more than ten persons is prohibited.

ROME, April 11th.

The Archbishop of Bologna, Milan and Venice, Monsignor Segni, Archbishop of the Cam-

brallini of the Holy Office, and Father Steinhuber, Bavarian member of the Society of Jesus, have received official notification that they will receive the red hats of Cardinals at the next Consistory.

LONDON, April 12th.

A special dispatch from Vienna to the *Daily News* says that General Baron von Schoenfeld, commander of the Second Army Corps, speaking at a banquet given by the Mayor, took occasion to threaten the socialists in a manner which provoked a sensation among his hearers.

He said among other things: "You may be ashamed of our assistance when the battle begins for the existence of society and the preservation of property. When the bourgeoisie and the soldiers will come to their rescue."

In view of the fact that he is in the confidence of the Emperor the effect of his speech is greater than otherwise.

Mr. Bailor, Mr. Liddardale, formerly Governor of the Bank of England, Sir David Miller Barbour and a number of others of equal prominence have promised to attend an international Bimetallic Conference that is to be held on May 2nd at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London.

The *Times* this morning discussing the question of increased expense entailed upon the country by the support of the military and naval forces necessary for the protection of the growing communications of the empire, describes the proposed Pacific mail and cable routes, and says that this growth cannot develop indefinitely without some radical reconsideration of the question of imperial defence.

The *Times* reviews the ideas recently expressed in its columns by eminent residents of the colonies, and suggests that the Ottawa conference be followed by the holding of a conference in London for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the colonies in relation to the question of united defence.

A dispatch from Vienna reports that a crisis is pending in Bulgaria. The trouble arises from a challenge sent by the Minister of War to Stamboulou to fight a duel. Prince Ferdinand will decide whether a duel between the two statesmen shall be fought, when he returns to Sofia.

The *Star* mentions the sale this summer of Queen Victoria's famous state Hampton Court. Persons interested in blooded stock regret the disposal of this famous stud. Many noted horses were bred there.

It became known to-day that "Willie" Wilde, formerly the husband of Mrs. Frank Leslie, was married a few days ago to Miss Sophie Lee by special licence in this city. The bride is young, beautiful, rich and of Irish parentage. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Ord Lee of Merion, near Dublin. Mr. Wilde claims that prior to his marriage he consulted his legal authority in America in regard to his right to marry, and that finally he obtained the authority of the Chief Registrar of Somerset House regarding his position.

NEW YORK, April 12th.

Mrs. Frank Leslie was seen to-night in reference to the above cable. She expressed herself as much surprised at the story and could hardly credit it.

"I received a letter from Lady Wilde only last Monday, and she made no mention of the coming wedding. I have met Miss Lee in London, and consider her a very estimable woman. She is about 40 years of age, but as to her marrying Mr. Wilde, well, he has no money, and she is almost similarly situated. She has about \$100,000 a year income, and as Mr. Wilde has been living with his mother and as Lady Wilde has no wealth, I fail to see how they will get along. I am particularly surprised to hear this story, because I cannot imagine Mr. Wilde marrying any woman who has not money."

BRUSSELS, April 12th.

A weekly journal publishes extracts from the diary of a German resident of the Cameroons, which fully bears out the charges that have been made against certain of the German officials in that country.

The diary contains entries showing that Herr Wehlan, the Governor's substitute, who led an expedition against the natives, issued an order to his subordinates directing them to cut the throats of all the old women who fell into their hands.

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NITURE of every Description, BATH-ROOM
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Several "RICKSHAS" in Good Order,
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side.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [582]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"CATHERINE APCAR"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after Thursday, the 17th instant, will
be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into
the Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and
Storage Company, Limited, Wanchai.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [582]

SPECIAL NOTICE.
THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will
be on sale at the Hongkong and Victoria
Hotels, opposite the Hongkong Club, and at
Pedder's Wharf, EVERY EVENING from 5.30 to
7.30 o'clock.
PRICE TEN CENTS.
Copies ordered from the Office will be charged
the usual rate—25 cents.
Advertisers are reminded that the Hongkong
Telegraph has by its the largest circulation of
any English newspaper published in the Far
East. THIS IS GUARANTEED. Terms on
application.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1893.

Intimations.
DAIRY PRODUCE!

THE HONGKONG DAIRY
(ESTABLISHED 1871.)
GARDEN ROAD, AND CAUSEWAY BAY.
**FRESH MILK,
FRESH BUTTER,
CREAM,
CREAM CHEESE AND
NEW LAID EGGS.**

ALWAYS ON HAND FOR CASH, OR TO ORDER.
MILK FROM ONE COW FOR BABIES, BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.
NONE BUT THE FRESHEST AND BEST SUPPLIED.

ADDRESS—
J. KENNEDY,
PROPRIETOR,
GARDEN ROAD.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1894. [519]

To-day's
Advertisements.

ST. JOHN LODGE
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 15th
instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [571]

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER
HONGKONG, No. 218, S.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above
CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, on THURSDAY,
the 17th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Companions are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [579]

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.
A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA
PRECEPTORY will be held on FRI-
DAY, the 18th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.
precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited
to attend.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [592]

VICTORIA LODGE
OF HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, on TUESDAY, the 22nd
instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [580]

TO LET.
AT MOUNT KELLET, Peak, HOUSES
Nos. 1 & 3, "CAMERON VILLAS."
HOUSE No. 5, "BELLIOS TERRACE,"
Robinson Road.
OFFICE, First Floor "MARINE HOUSE,"
No. 15, Queen's Road.
HOUSE No. 3, "BEACONFIELD ARCADE,"
facing Queen's Road.
ROOMS in "BEACONFIELD ARCADE,"
Queen's Road.
HOUSE No. 21, Shelley Street.
TOP FLOOR of GODOWN in rear of
"MARINE HOUSE."
HOUSE No. 6, Ica House Street, lately
occupied by Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.
GODOWNS in Duddell Street.
Apply to
BELLIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [582]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at
Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [583]

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th instant,
at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [587]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA."
Captain Gerard, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th instant,
at 5 P.M.
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric
Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [590]

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.**

THE Steamship
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THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
OBTAINED 11 HIGHEST PRIZES
at the
CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR.

Just landed an invoice of Assorted SEWING
and LEATHER-MACHINES, SHUTTLES and
FLOET MACHINE OIL.
H. K. BUTLER & Co.,
Sole Agents,
4, D'Almeida Street,
Hongkong, 15th May, 1894. [584]

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5, Queen's Road Central.
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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

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A REGULAR MEETING of the above
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Hotels.
PEAK HOTEL.
OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed
HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,350 feet
above sea-level, has just been thoroughly
redecorated, renovated and refurnished, and a
NEW WING has been built, which commands
magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland
of China.

SUMMER RATES,
(FROM MAY 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST).
One person, per day \$ 4.00
One person, per week 25.00
One person, per month 75.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per
day 7.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per
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Married couple (occupying one room) per
month 125.00
For further particulars, apply to
MANAGER,
Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1894. [525]

FUJIYA HOTEL,
MIYANOSHITA,
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Four and a half hours from Yokohama.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
NATURAL HOT SPRINGS.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN ALL THE
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SPECIAL RATES MADE FOR A
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S. N. YAMAGUCHI,
Proprietor.

PRAYA EAST HOTEL,
Nos. 38 & 39, PRAYA EAST.

THIS HOTEL, situated on the Praya, near
the McGregor Barracks, OPEN to SEA.
BREEZES all the year round and commanding
a fine View of the whole Harbor, having lately
been enlarged and refurnished throughout,
now offers first-class Accommodation to RESI-
DENTS and BOARDERS.
Wines and Spirits of the best brands only
Supplied.
Terms moderate.
J. C. L. ROUGH,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [519]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have the GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M. or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
Dining, or to the Public, sending
Dishes, &c., for same and Cash. Scale on
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Monthly Board for One Person \$15.00
Time 15.00
Breakfast 10.00
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Dinner 10.00
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SPECIAL TIPPING and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.
W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 2nd May, 1894. [539]

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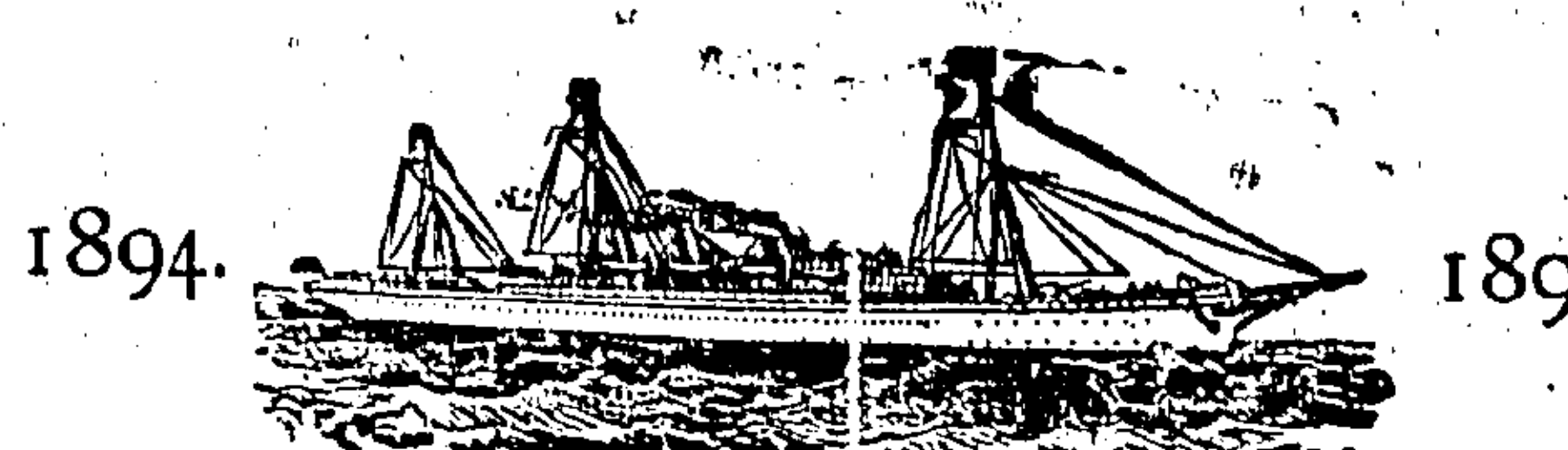
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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 23rd May.
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THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12
DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL
TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent
FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is
made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which
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Passengers Booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
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SPECIAL RATES (First-class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military,
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EXCURSION TICKETS to San Francisco Midwinter Fair, CIRCULAR PACIFIC
TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia, via Honolulu, and Sydney
to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits. Good for 9 months, \$100.
The attractive features of this Company's route, embraces its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS
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and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the
Line passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1894. D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder's Street. [5]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Belgic (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
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Oceanic (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) Tuesday, 19th June,
at 1 P.M.
Gazelle (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) Tuesday, 3rd July,
at 1 P.M.

THE Steamship
"BELGIC"
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NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND
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at 1 P.M. Connection being made at Yokohama
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Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
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Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
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Special rates (First-class only) are granted to
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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embark-
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to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
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the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the
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For further information as to Freight, or
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